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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 37 was previously pending in the application, of which claims 21-27, 32, 33 and 36 were withdrawn. Claim 37 has been cancelled and claims 38-40 have been added. Therefore, claims 38-40 are currently pending, of which claims 21-27, 32, 33 and 36 are withdrawn.

The drawings have been objected to for not showing certain features of claim 37. Claim 37 has been cancelled. Thus, the objection to the drawings should be withdrawn.

Applicants have added new claim 38, which recites at least one liquid dispenser having a manually operable positive displacement pump, and a collapsible fluid container having an outlet and configured to collapse as soap or lotion therein is pumped from the outlet by the manually operated positive displacement pump, the collapsible fluid container located at an elevation lower than the elevation of the at least one liquid dispenser. In contrast, none of the cited references, and in particular Bobrick (U.S. Pat. 1,586,397) and Davies (4,606,085), disclose or suggest the noted limitations of claim 38.

Bobrick does not disclose a positive displacement pump for dispensing liquid soap. Rather, Bobrick discloses a valve for dispensing liquid soap which is fed to the valve by gravity.

Bobrick discloses a liquid soap dispenser having liquid supply reservoir 1 and a valve mechanism by which liquid soap from the reservoir is dispensed to a user. The reservoir 1 of Bobrick is provided with an opening at the top for filling. The reservoir 1 is positioned above the valve mechanism so that liquid soap can flow to the valve mechanism by gravity (see Bobrick, page 2, lines 115-129). Bobrick also discloses that the valve mechanism provides a compound valve which controls the supply of liquid soap into the valve and discharge of liquid soap out of the valve in a predetermined sequence (see Bobrick, page 2, lines 67-70. Accordingly, the soap in Bobrick is fed by gravity to the compound valve, which can be opened and closed by a user to receive the soap. Therefore, Bobrick does not disclose a positive displacement pump for pumping liquid soap from a container to a user.

Davies discloses an electrically operated peristalic pump. Davies does not disclose a manually operable positive displacement pump. Referring to FIG. 1, Davies discloses a electrically operated soap pump 18, by which soap is drawn from the container 20 and provided

to a dispenser (shown as faucet set 2). Therefore, Davies does not disclose or suggest a manually operable positive displacement pump.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe that claims 38-40 are patentable over the cited reference, including Bobrick and Davies. Applicants respectfully request a timely indication of allowance. Should there be any further issues that can be addressed by telephone, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the number indicated below.

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